

AMENDMENT

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line 22, after "CGGTCAGGACTCAT", insert -- (SEQ ID NO:2) --;

line 23, after "CTCGTAGACTGCGTACC", insert -- (SEQ ID NO:3) --; and

line 24, after "TAGGTACGCAGTC", insert -- (SEQ ID NO:4) --.

Page 30, line 19, after "CTCGTAGACTGCGTACCTAAT", insert -- SEQ ID NO:5 --;

line 20, after "GACGATGAGTCCTGACCGA", insert -- SEQ ID NO:6 --; and

line 29, after "GACTGCGTACCTAATNN", insert -- SEQ ID NO:7 --.

Page 31, line 1, after "GATGAGTCCTGACCGANN", insert -- SEQ ID NO:8 --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 18. (Amended) A method of obtaining isolated selected mRNA species or isolated selected cDNA species useful for diagnosing or identifying a disease or condition or stage thereof in a [prokaryotic or] eukaryotic organism comprising the steps of:

[(a) isolating mRNA from tissue, cells or body fluid of a normal prokaryotic or eukaryotic organism (normal sample), wherein the resulting isolated mRNA is optionally subjected to reverse transcription to obtain isolated cDNA;

(b) isolating mRNA from corresponding tissue, cells or body fluid of a corresponding organism of step (a)